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Incoming Chair Marine Corps Capt. Samuel Hong, right, and Vice-Chair Information Systems Technician Senior Chief Robert LaBrenz, left, have officially taken the helm of the President's Student Council (PSC), relieving Army Maj. Tim Ball and Marine Corps Capt. William Campbell for the top PSC leadership positions.

"Serving as the PSC Chairman was a great experience, and was made even better by having an outstanding Vice-Chair, Will Campbell. Our council is made up of some tremendous students who were great advocates for the rest of the student body," noted Ball, outgoing PSC Chair. "Serving as the chairman also gave me the opportunity to interact with the faculty council and numerous staff members at NPS in order to work on issues common to all of us. I look forward to seeing where Sam and Rob will take the PSC during their tenure as Chair and Vice-Chair."

As new PSC Chair, Hong says he already has an idea where he'd like to make a difference.

"I'm trying to make unique opportunities within the campus, as well as outside of the campus, available to more students," said Hong. As an example, Hong points to the plethora of high-level industry, military and academic speakers frequently on campus to present to small segments of the student body.

"Students may have an interest in a particular topic or speaker, and they can extend their academic experience while here," said Hong. "We'll get this information out through our monthly announcements or through our representatives from each school, who will push out information between monthly announcements."

LaBrenz, a rare addition to the PSC as an enlisted Navy Sailor, looks forward to supporting the chair's objectives, and acting as a liaison between students and the student council.

"I want to energize the communication flow across the student body, and also between the students and the president and his staff," said LaBrenz. "If anyone is interested in being a part of it, come to our meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 1500 in the [Dudley Knox] Library."